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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 04-142
Comp. Pol. File No. 677

Comments Due: April 23, 2004

Section 214 Application

Applicant: ALLTEL Communications, Inc.

On March 11, 2004, ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (ALLTEL or Applicant), located at One Allied Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of competitive local exchange and exchange access services in Jacksonville, Florida.

ALLTEL states that it seeks this discontinuance after careful consideration of the costs of providing competitive local exchange service in Jacksonville, Florida. ALLTEL seeks to discontinue its provisioning of local exchange and exchange access service in this location as of July 3, 2004. ALLTEL indicates that all affected residential and business customers were mailed a notification letter of the proposed discontinuance prior to the filing of the application. ALLTEL states that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the planned service discontinuance. ALLTEL further indicates that it will assist its customers in finding new local telephone service providers.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified ALLTEL that the grant will not be automatically effective. In ALLTEL's application, ALLTEL indicates that it will not discontinue service until July 3, 2004. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, ALLTEL may not terminate service to the customers affected by this application until July 3, 2004. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable

substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **April 23, 2004**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 04-142 and Comp. Pol. File No. 677**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the subject line "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), **carmell.weathers@fcc.gov**, or Denise Coca, (202) 418-0574 (voice), **denise.coca@fcc.gov**, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit **http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud**.

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